

DRAFT FY 1976 KEY INTELLIGENCE QUESTIONS

Substantive Objective

Provide accurate, timely and relevant information and assessments of Chinese internal and external policies and capabilities with respect to the United States, its allies, the USSR, Southeast Asia and the Third World.

Key Intelligence Questions

China: Internal Politics and Foreign Policy

31. What major trends and changes are likely in Chinese foreign policies relating to the US and the USSR?

32. While Mao and/or Chou remain alive, how are the internal stresses and relationships within the central leadership and at the key regional levels likely to affect China's main lines of foreign, economic and military policy? Should Mao and/or Chou die, how are these policies likely to be affected by the succession process?

33. Is Peking trying to attain a role as a leader of the Third World, and what are Peking's objectives towards Thailand, Korea and Vietnam?

Chinese Military Capabilities

34. What is the present status of China's nuclear capabilities?

Include the types and locations of delivery vehicles, the numbers and types of weapons in stockpile and weapons technology.

35. What progress are the Chinese making toward acquiring missile capabilities against the US and against the USSR west of the Urals?

36. Will China use force to achieve its objectives in Asia, particularly against Taiwan?

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CHINA -

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Key Intelligence Questions

China: Internal Politics and Foreign Policy

31. What major trends and changes are likely in Chinese foreign policies relating to the US and the USSR?

32. While Mao and/or Chou remain alive, how are the internal stresses and relationships within the upper echelons of the Party likely to affect China's main lines of foreign, economic and military policy? Should Mao and/or Chou die, how are these policies likely to be affected by the succession process?

33. What are Peking's attitudes and objectives regarding the US' and USSR's role in Asia, and Peking's intentions toward attaining a role as leader of the Third World?

Include what progress Peking is making and how these Third World activities affect its support of revolutionary movements in the less developed countries.

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